

12. (Amended) A process for dimerization or oligomerization of at least one monoolefin, [characterized in that] comprising contacting said monoolefin [is brought into contact] with a catalytic composition according to [any one of claims 1 to 11] claim 1.

13. (Amended) A process according to claim 12, [characterized in that] wherein the pre-conditioning solvent for the catalytic composition [consists of] comprises a mixture of olefins [with] having a composition [analogous to] approximating that of the mixtures obtained by [the] said dimerization or oligomerization reaction.

Claim 14, **Line 1:** Delete "or claim 13".
Line 2: Delete "characterized in that" and insert --wherein--.

Please add the following claims:

-- **15.** A process according to claim 12, wherein the pre-conditioning is conducted with stirring under an inert atmosphere at 0°C to 80°C for 1 minute to 5 hours, and the catalyst is then transferred to a reactor under an inert atmosphere.

16. A process according to claim 12, wherein the preconditioning is conducted with stirring under an inert atmosphere at 10° to 60° for 5 minutes to 1 hour, and the catalyst is then transferred to a reactor under an inert atmosphere.

17. A catalyst composition according to claim 3, wherein the halogenocarboxylic acid has a total of 2 to 20 carbon atoms and contains at least one halogen atom alpha to the -COOH group.

18. A catalyst composition according to claim 1, being devoid of ethylene, propylene and butene.

19. A catalytic composition according to claim 18, wherein pre-conditioning comprises mixing the three constituents in a hydrocarbon or halogeno-hydrocarbon solvent with stirring and in an inert atmosphere at a controlled temperature of 0°C to 80°C and for a duration of 1 minute to 5 hours.

20. A catalyst composition according to claim 19, wherein the pre-conditioning solvent comprises isohexenes.--